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ADELAIDE TRIUMPHS!

— By Andrew Dettre, the only Sydney soccer writer
to see the final drama in Adelaide —

Last Sunday afternoon at the packed Hindmarsh Stadium, South Australian Premier Don Dunstan raised the Philips League shield high into the air and the crowd gave its multi-ethnic roar of approval.

With this gesture Dunstan clearly wanted to indicate that the shield belonged to the whole of South Australia, not just one of their splendid clubs.

And so the "impossible" has happened: Australia's club championship has gone to Adelaide when West Adelaide forced a drama-filled draw with their neighbours and eternal rivals, Adelaide City.

It was a close shave: with five minutes to go Westad were down 0-1 and looked beaten to the punch.

Had the score remained unchanged, the title would have gone to Hakoah again — on a goal difference for the second time.

But somehow poetic justice prevailed and the city, which has done more than any other in these past two years to make our national championship a success, has received its first reward.

A long lob from Boyle sailed over the defenders and Vic Bozanic volleyed home a shot past the advancing goalie.

West Adelaide's triumph almost belongs to the realm of fairy stories.

Abruptly abandoned by their coach John Margaritis midway through the season, the "Hindmarsh Rogues", as an Adelaide colleague described them, began to fight.

For two weeks coached by Neil McGachey, the players vowed to fight for each other to the end.

They were 11th after nine rounds and then started to gather in points with the diligence of a combine harvester: in round 20 they hit the front and stayed there.

So the team that has been

training all season under blinking street lights at Plympton High School's oval is the new champion of Australia.

Years ago we used to hear the distant claim that Adelaide soccer is as good as any in Australia.

Many of their international results against touring sides looked suspiciously good.

But the know-all's in Sydney and Melbourne brushed this off as the ravings of some ambitious, parochial provincials.

No longer. Last year it was the classical Adelaide City that captivated crowds in all States, this season it was the non-stop, aggressive, Argentine-styled West Adelaide that took the League by storm.

And, let's be fair about this: the title couldn't have gone to a more soccer-minded city.

Don Dunstan said at a little reception after the game that Adelaide is "the soccer capital of Australia". How can you argue with that?

The match, its presentation, the incredible atmosphere generated by the packed stadium and the post-game celebrations were all worth the trip to Adelaide with TAA.

Sydney visitors would have thought they were in Europe as the two rival camps, with their shredded paper, flags, banners, trumpets, drums and keen throats, provided a magnificent background to this drama.

Paris, Berlin, Rome, Prague and other major cities and capitals also play a minor part in their country's championship; the same fate will be Sydney's unless truly drastic steps are taken.

But that's another story. For the time being, one is inclined to applaud Adelaide's superb effort and greet them as worthy Australian champions.

Well done, West Adelaide.



West Adelaide star Peter Boyle showering in champagne after his team's PSL title win last week. On his right John Perin, the brilliant Adelaide City midfielder, offering his congratulations and having a drop of the bubbly himself.

SYDNEY TEAMS ON DANGEROUS MISSION

This week the drama continues with the first two semifinals in the Philips Top Four.

In Adelaide, West Adelaide, the brand new PSL champions, take on Hakoah, while in Melbourne South Melbourne face Marconi.

Hakoah will have a chance to prove their claim that they are Australia's best team — a purely subjective claim not borne out by facts.

Still, the Sydneysiders do play some steady and composed stuff and will certainly go close to dent West Adelaide's crown.

No doubt, another huge crowd will be at Hindmarsh; no doubt, they will once again get more than their money's worth.

In Melbourne another Sydney team, Marconi, will face South Melbourne.

Almost in a state of total decomposition, Marconi may try to salvage their eroded reputation by fighting their way into next week's final.

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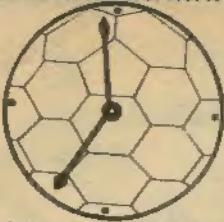
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Eastern Creek (6th Div.) would like to congratulate reserve grade midfielder Ian Lockard and his wife on the birth of newly arrived baby boy, Jason. Eastern Creek consolidated their position as 6th Div. Premiers in their match against West Holroyd last Sunday. With 500 spectators, a very hard fought match was played to a 0-0 draw. The club's reserve grade will also be competing in the semi-finals next weekend.

Canley Heights (6th Div.) welcome home first grade midfielder Paul Neal after seven weeks' holiday in England. The club will be holding a social night at the Cabramatta Bowling Club for all members and friends next Saturday evening.

Liverpool United (7th Div.) will again be conducting the Liverpool Cup. Secretary Greenwood expects the competition to begin on Tuesday, November 7.

Sydney University (4th Div.) swept into the finals with a convincing win over Hurstville Zagreb. In a fast game the students displayed better combination with two brilliant goals coming from Billazon and Brett. Hurstville showed some classy touches, but excellent goalkeeping by Mackay kept them out. University expect this good win to boost their confidence for the semis.

Pagewood (6th Div.) will be on the lookout for a replacement for their first grade goalkeeper, Michael Vasin, as he leaves for Europe later this year. Secretary Vasin expects to sign up several new players in readiness for the '79 season.

Fairfield West (6th Div.) are planning their presentation night for October 7 at the Cabramatta Bowling Club. The club put on a Benefit Night for injured centre half Eddy Williams last week. Eddy has been off work for some time now with a back injury.

Eastwood (5th Div.) reserve graders have taken out the premiership title. It is worth noting that this side has qualified for the semifinals for the last four years and won the premiership twice. The club's "Best and Fairest" awards for the season went to Gary Simpson and reserve grader Evan Gladhill.

South Sydney District (7th Div.) have arranged an end of season trip to a Hunter Valley winery for members and friends on Saturday, September 9.

Padstow Park (4th Div.) reserve grade have also won their premiership with a 6-0 win over Fairfield Kiev. In the previous week's match against Sydney University first grade centre forward Geoffrey Bogg suffered a cut to his ankle which later required 15 stitches.

Bankstown Sports (7th Div.) have planned a trip to Goulburn for matches against Goulburn Workers in November. The club's picnic has been arranged for October 8, to be held at "Revesby Beach" in Georges River National Recreation Ground. Bankstown Sports players would like to thank their coach Bob Murphy for his time, efforts and encouragement during the season.

Baulkham Hills remain 4th Division Premiers despite their 1-0 loss to Greenwich last Sunday. Officials and players from both clubs enjoyed a social time afterwards at the clubhouse. The Hills played Hurstville Zagreb and came out the 4-1 winners. The match became very rough, with several Hills players injured and two Hurstville players sent from the field.

Chullora (7th Div.) coach Ed Stoddart disputes the claim from Edensor Park for the most senior player in Federation. Ed Stoddart celebrated his 46th birthday recently and still occasionally takes the field. Birthday wishes are due to striker Peter Lanham for his 21st. Peter has scored 27 first grade goals this season and looks forward to increasing his tally.

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CLUB PATROL

Fourth division club ARTARMON had to wait until the very last match of the season to grab their first home victory. Last week they handed out a severe hiding to Ryde, defeating the visitors by 4-1.

The North Shore proper will have its first representative side for many a long year in the first division next year as KU-RING-GAI have won promotion after being clear winners of division two. Many years ago there was a North Shore side in the old association, while several sides have played at North Sydney Oval. Kuring-gai play at Parklands, on the upper North Shore area, but may seek a larger home ground for 1979.

Congratulations to CHRIS CASSETARI, the Manly goalkeeper, who turned 21 last week. Chris' birthday actually fell on the Thursday before the Marrickville match, but the party wasn't until Saturday after the match.

The TOONGABBIE Demons soccer club offer their congratula-

tions to Ku-ring-gai on winning promotion to the State league, and the Demons look forward to a continuation of the rivalry the two clubs have shared over the years. Both clubs have fought their way up from division four, and have at one stage or another been in the same division.

"We have a lot of travellers in the club" was RAUL BLANCO's aside after informing us that yet another Melita player has returned to the club from abroad. GARY COOK, a former first grader who played regularly last season and who has been touring the world this year, returned home recently and has started training with the club.

MANLY have finally installed a telephone at Cramer Park in the new, elevated press box. The new phone will make the pressman's job a lot easier from Cramer Park, a venue not particularly well loved in press circles; the alternate phone is half a mile up the road.

The rumor has it that a goalkeeper called GRAHAM PARKER scored a goal in a

Mergers are far from new

As PSL clubs face the trauma of changing names to "new-look" images, it may be of some consolation to know that it's all been done before — in England.

Take Arsenal for instance. They started as "Dial Square" when founded in 1886.

They changed again in 1891, this time to "Royal Arsenal". Not content with this they changed to "Woolwich Arsenal" in 1896, then became plain old Arsenal in 1913.

And what about Manchester United? The "Red Devils" started life as "Newton Heath", a team which had been formed by railwaymen of the Yorkshire and Lancashire railway in 1881.

They kept this name until 1902 when the present club came into being.

Bristol Rovers couldn't make their mind up, either. Known as the "Black Arabs" when founded in 1883, they changed to "Eastville Rovers" in 1884, before taking the present name in 1898.

West Ham were once called "Thames Ironworks", but changed to the present name in the year 1900 — perhaps they thought only iron workers would watch them.

Today Southampton are still known as the "Saints", a reference to their humble beginnings in 1885 as the "St Mary's Church Young Men's Association".

They formed a limited company in 1897 and a year later moved to the Dell ground.

And amalgamations aren't unique to the Antipodes. Carlisle were born as a result of an amal-

gamation between "Shadongate United" and "Carlisle Red Rose" in 1903.

And Luton Town, the first club in the south of England to use professional players, were founded in 1885 by "Luton Wanderers" and "Luton Excelsior" joining together.

Burnley weren't fussy either. One of the 12 original members of the Football League, they were formed in 1881 through amalgamation with a local rugby club.

So, if your club is involved in the name-change game it's nothing new. It happened before, nearly 100 years ago.

— DAVE JENKINS

Holroyd need men brave and true

— BY STEPHEN DETTRE —

Holroyd Rangers Recreation and Soccer Club is one with more problems than just lying bottom of Division Four.

Basically the club lacks players, or a sufficient number, to be able to field two full strength sides in the Federation competition.

Recently, against Baulkham Hills, the club's coach, Arthur Carrig, was forced to play six first graders in the second team just to make up the 11.

The team was doing well, leading 1-0, but four players were taken off at half time to give them a rest before the first grade match and in the last 10 minutes Holroyd went down 4-1.

More recently the brave Holroyd graders grabbed a draw against Artarmon with eight of the players having played in both games.

Club president George Garland says the lack of players is due both to injuries and the tight player "market" in the area.

They have lost four players through injury, three of them brothers who all suffered knee injuries on the one weekend, and have also suffered when players have moved houses due to job offers.

Holroyd is surrounded by Fairfield United, Guildford, Wentworth Waratahs and Greystones, so that any player who moves even so much as a few miles either way is much closer to one of these clubs.

The one hope for Holroyd is that they will be able to count on their youngsters coming up through the nine junior teams.

But as George Garland said: "The trouble is that we tend to lose boys between the ages of 16 and 22."

"They do return after a while out of the game, but not as many as we need to run two teams."

Holroyd, as the full title of the club implies, does not concentrate solely on soccer, though this is the main winter sport for boys.

For the girls there is netball, and during the summer cricket is provided for those who are interested.

fourth division match last week. In fact, the rumor is true, for Graham, first grade goalkeeper with Artarmon, did score for his side, converting a penalty towards the end of the match with Ryde.

Interest in the Toongabbie club is running high over the plans for the new 'Gabbie stadium. The latest proposed addition is to have an enclosed elevated room built onto the top of the stand. The room would also have tinted glass, a luxury chair for every "special" member and refreshments laid on for these members.

RICHARD ALAGICH, the Manly coach who won national and international "notoriety" for his use of "atrocities" films to stir his players, is back with the club after a short spell out of the limelight. Richard was not only tracked by the Australian press, but also earned a story in the "London Times". He has been recovering over the past few weeks from an infected eye and a viral 'flu he caught at the time of the controversy. It is interesting to note that his return prompted the players to turn out a fine performance and down high flying Marrickville Olympic.

The powerful Manly third grade side, at present joint leaders of their competition with Sutherland, suffered a serious set-back to their championship aspirations when their captain DUDLEY FOX suffered a broken wrist. Dudley, a 17-year-old midfielder, is the heart of the team and his absence will be felt.

Melita's new FARRUGIA, RAYMOND, is still unable to play first grade for Melita until a transfer matter is cleared up with the NSW Federation. Since Raymond arrived here after the transfer "curfew" his case is being reviewed, for Melita claim negotiations were started before the closing date for transfers.

BOBBY MCPHERSON, who was picked to play for NSW before he was struck by injury, has shaken off his troubles and was back in the Melita line-up against Arncliffe on Sunday with another top performance.

JOE FARRUGIA is back from Malta and training with the Melita first team squad. Joe played second grade last week after his five-week lay off from the game while visiting relatives, and it is possible that he could be in the seconds this week as well.

NEWLANDS PATARANGI, a second division New Zealand club, is to play several matches in Sydney. They play a game against Warringah Saints at Francis Park on Sept. 9 and again at Cramer Park on Sept. 13.

SUPER-KIDS

How is this for a record? Ashcroft's under-12 first division side has just reached the finals of the Champion of Champions' series — for the third year running.

In this period they have also won the 1976, 1977 and 1978 premierships AND grand finals — losing only one match (this year).

Coach Eddie Ciantar and manager Denis Odgers have certainly done a remarkable job with these moppets.

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FITZROY: Marner 3, McMillan 3, O'Reilly 3, Tansley 3, Bannon 2, Taylor 3, Campbell 2, Selenidis 2, Bozikas 2, Cole 2, Buljevic 2 (Micevski 70m). **Coach:** J. Margaritis.

Goal: 1-0 Lujic (10m). **Referee:** S. Mellings. **Crowd:** 4000.

The season fizzled out to a low note for Footscray and Fitzroy, and the highlight of the day was the presentation to Jim Kriaris, who has been forced to retire on medical advice. Jim played for 12 years for Fitzroy and four for Footscray and both clubs recognised his service.

The only goal of the game came when a long cross from the left eluded the Fitzroy defence and found the unmarked Lujic lurking on the right. The ex-Nosivad player, easily the best man on the ground, volleyed the ball powerfully past little Marner. The game degenerated into a comedy of errors after that, although Fitzroy made sporadic attempts to get level.

Footscray

1 (0)

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 3, Kazi 3, Hazabent 3, Kondiaras 3, Kriaris 3, Ristic 3, Rujevic 2, Iloski 2, Picaone 3, Lujic 4, Ristovski 2 (Nicalades 74m). **Coach:** C. Cerkovic.

Goal: 1-0 Lujic (10m). **Referee:** S. Mellings. **Crowd:** 4000.

After its one lapse, the Fitzroy defence was its usual rock-solid self, but the attack was woeful, with Buljevic gesticulating, Cole falling over the ball more than usual, and Bozikas running about and getting nowhere. Footscray were little better, and their usually fluent build-ups were missing.

After Fitzroy brought on Micevski, they livened up and gave the Footscray defence a torrid time in the closing minutes. Boland saved magnificently from Ken Taylor after McMillan, Cole and Campbell had all had shots charged down, but Footscray just about deserved the points.

— LES SHORROCK

Syd. Olympic

0 (0)

OLYMPIC: Meier 4, McIntosh 3, Palmer 3, Bell 3, G. Allan 3, Wilson 3, Laing 4, Jamieson 3, Cross 3, Luckett 3, Ainslie 4 (D. Allan 78m). **Coach:** J. Marston.

Goals: 0-1 Smith (61m), 0-2 Bainbridge. **Referee:** 3528.

The drama came largely after the game. Easts-Hakoah had fulfilled their part of their bargain by defeating Olympic, but could Adity oblige by defeating Wests? The answer came through in the negative, but Gerry Chaldi responded by congratulating Jim Adam on his success — and then looking forward to the chance of beating Wests in the Top Four major semifinal.

This game sparked up after a dull first half as Hakoah suddenly found that they had wings and that it pays to flap them. Throughout the first half the ability of Murray Barnes to chase everything on the park, aided and abetted by the work put in by Joe Watson and Ian Souness kept the Olympic team working flat out. Allan Ainslie went perilously close for Olympic, but there was little else in the way of really dangerous shots.

Easts Hakoah

2 (0)

HAKOAH: Clarke 4, Mullen 2, Thomson 3, O'Connor 4, Mowbray 3, Stevenson 4, Watson 4, Barnes 5, Souness 4, Smith 3, Silva 4. **Coach:** G. Chaldi.

Barnes (73m). **Referee:** C.

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Goals: 1-0 Watson (61m), 1-2 Bainbridge. **Referee:** 3528.

In the 61st minute Watson got in a cross following John Stevenson's pass and Terry Smith had no trouble in scoring one of his rare goals from a header. Derek Laing had a great chance to equalise two minutes later but he failed to get past Todd Clarke. It was a last-ditch jump at the ball by Clarke that won out, with Richie Bell standing unattended just out from goal and ready to receive the ball.

It was fitting that Murray Barnes scored one of the goals. He had no trouble in hitting in a short ground shot following a pass from Kevin Mullen. Hakoah made a couple of more chances without increasing their score. The loss wound up the season for Olympic, who provided the vast majority of the crowd, and had done enough over the past dozen games to redeem themselves after their early disasters. — KEITH GILMOUR

St. George

1 (1)

ST GEORGE: Coe 3, Utjesenovic 4, Terry 4, Holmick 3, M. O'Shea 3, Coates 3, J. O'Shea 4, Barton 3, Morgan 3, O'Connor 4, Hensman 4. **Coach:** J. Vlasits.

Goals: 1-0 Utjesenovic (16m). **Referee:** W. Jones. **Crowd:** 1025.

Cautions: Wilson, Harding.

West. Suburbs

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WESTS: T. Eaton 5, Skellern 3, Wilson 3, Turnbull 4, Rowden 3, Stone 4, Harding 2, O'Donnell 3, C. Eaton 2, Vernon 3, Scott 2. **Coach:** M. Loing.

Goals: 1-0 Utjesenovic (16m). **Referee:** W. Jones. **Crowd:** 1025.

Cautions: Wilson, Harding.

O'Connor were dangerous, while the makeshift Saints defence held together well and even found time to room forward. Wests' only ray of hope was Peter Stone, but he was laboring alone for most of the match, and found the weight of numbers against him too heavy.

Some credit should also be given to Terry Eaton who played superbly in goal for Wests and, for him, the goal tally could have been higher. However, there were occasions when it was not the keeping of Eaton, but the hurried Saints shooting that prevented goals. Saints should be well pleased with their second round performances, but need a goalpoacher of the Denton mould to add to the front line to put away the many chances created.

— STEPHEN DETRE

Canberra City

0 (0)

CANBERRA CITY: Tilsed 2, Hogg 4, Stark 3, Henderson 4, Kawalewa 4, Cant 4, Stoddart 5, Davies 2 (Lustica 62m), Heywood 3, Byrne 3, Grbicic 3. **Coach:** J. Warren.

Goals: 0-1 Stark o.g. (1m), 0-2 Cummings (63m), 0-3 Cummings (75m). **Referee:** T. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 4800.

The scoreline may have been unusual but, really, the crowd had seen it all before: dominating territorially, yet stumbling to very early or late goals, and excellent goalkeeping. Throw in some second rate shooting and defensive lapses, and Canberra City, this is your life.

Things started off very boldly for the home side on Saturday. Some of the near 5000 crowd were still settling down after an international athletics meeting, and mini pop concert when South Melbourne struck. Down the left flank Evans shot from near the goal line, Tilsed parried as far as Luton, whose kick was deflected in by Stark. A dream start for the visitors, one up inside a minute. However, South Melbourne didn't pack their defence, and soon Hansen was forced to bring off the first of five good saves. Stoddart whipped a header in from a Davies cross, but Hansen smothered low to his left.

Two minutes later Kalifatidis, who had a forceful, intelligent game in midfield, corkscrewed an attempt off Grbicic's feet and into the Canberra crossbar. In the 26th minute two more great saves from Hansen appeared to turn himself inside out to

Sth. Melbourne

3 (1)

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Hansen 6, Pye 3, Munro 3, Rogers 4, Hatzenmanuel 3, Wright 4, Kalafatidis 5, Luton 4, Bergman 3 (Kakantonis 46m, 3), Cummings 4, Evans 3. **Coach:** D. McLaren.

Goals: 0-1 Stark o.g. (1m), 0-2 Cummings (63m), 0-3 Cummings (75m). **Referee:** T. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 4800.

touch the result of a dogged Heywood dribble around the post. Then an acrobatic midair catch from a lunging Byrne header. This was virtually all young Byrne had to show for 90 minutes of persistent marking by Billy Rogers.

The other Bill, Swedish winger Bergman, was replaced at half time. His sole contribution was a high cross which Evans rather naively netted with his arm. Unlucky to be behind at half time, it seemed only a matter of time till the equaliser would spur the home side on to victory. Stoddart, one of the few PSL players with the skill and, at last, confidence, to toy with opponents, had a 25-metre drive foiled by a leaping Hansen.

South Melbourne's second goal finished off the locals' hopes. Hogg, on his own, tried to fight off Evans and Cummings but the latter chipped home. Cummings, again, cracked home a loose ball after he had challenged Stark for a header. The difference between the sides was really the 'keepers. Tilsed's most effective action was outstoring the bench when Lindemayer began warming up.

— CHRIS KUNZ

Newcastle

1 (0)

NEWCASTLE: Dando 5, Willis 3, Summerscales 4, Drinkwater 4, Curran 5, Mason 4, Galpin 3, Charlton 5, Endecott 4, Boden 4, Tredinnick 4. **Coach:** A. Vest.

Goals: 1-0 Endecott (56m). **Referee:** R. Lorenz (Sydney). **Crowd:** 15,614.

Despite the paucity of goals, Newcastle's biggest crowd of the season had their soccer appetite whetted with ex-England and Manchester United star Bobby Charlton acting as master of ceremonies over the entire piece. It is doubtful whether one spectator in the crowd of 15,614 left the International Sports Centre before referee Richard Lorenz signalled fulltime. The struggle for supremacy between two such contrasting styles of play was packed full of intrigue and breathtaking action.

Marconi's goalscoring slump continued with Peter Ollerton a great disappointment, showing little dash or determination in his duels against Newcastle's rugged defender Bill Summerscales. That loose ability is 90% talent and 10% sheer solid endeavour was clearly demonstrated by the incomparable Bobby Charlton. After a week of energy sapping coaching and travelling in Northern NSW the 40-year-old soccer missionary captivated the huge crowd with a masterly performance. The basic skills inherent in such a talented performer were immediately evident despite his absence from serious competitive play for four years.

The rival goalkeepers, Phil Dando and Alan Maher, were in top form, Dando in particular bringing off some courageous saves from Marconi in each half. Boden came in for some heavy punishment from defender John Russell, who brought down the elusive striker twice in the space of 60 seconds to earn a finger wagging

Marconi

0 (0)

MARCONI: Maher 5, Jones 3, Russell 3, Prskalo 4, Degney 5, Vieri 4, Selvage 4, Rooney 4, Maroni 3, Berry 3, Ollerton 3. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

Goals: 1-0 Endecott (56m). **Referee:** R. Lorenz (Sydney). **Crowd:** 15,614.

lecture from referee Lorenz. The 26-year-old referee controlled the game well throughout. He did not issue one cautionary card and played the advantage rule to both teams' advantage.

There was no scoring in the first half when Marconi had the advantage of the stiff southerly wind. But immediately on the restart Newcastle set up a siege on the Marconi goal. Corner kick after corner kick was forced and it seemed certain that the Marconi citadel had to fall, and fall it did in the 56th minute to a superlative goal by 18-year-old Neal Endecott. From a well placed kick by Peter Tredinnick, Summerscales headed the ball forward and Endecott, pivoting smartly, crashed a great shot past Maher. A match winning goal of the highest order and this was followed by two equally memorable efforts from Charlton and Boden.

Charlton's 20-metre shot glanced off the upright, while Boden left three Marconi defenders standing flatfooted before his effort also came to grief against the woodwork from the edge of the penalty area — this would have been a wonderful goal. Despite Marconi's fine cohesive play, the ball moving from man to man with great precision, the visiting forwards came up against relentless defence. As though inspired by the very presence of the once great Charlton, the Newcastle players lifted their game in the second half to turn on one of their finest displays of the season.

— MYLES HAY

West Adelaide

1 (0)

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4, Bozanic 4, Reynolds 4, McGahey 4, Kambas 4, Jones 4, Boyle 5, Pillans 3, Norris 3 (Zervas 83m), Honeyman 4, McGregor 3 (Tymczyszyn 46m, 4). **Coach:** J. Adam.

Goals: 0-1 Perin (53m), 1-1 Bozanic (85m). **Referee:** P. Rompley (Sydney). **Crowd:** 16,251. **Caution:** McGahey.

West Adelaide snatched the PSL League title from Hakoah with only five minutes to spare when Vic Bozanic grabbed an equaliser for Wests to draw with Adelaide City. Amid conflicting reports that Olympic had beaten Hakoah, Adelaide fans on Sunday night believed that Wests had clinched the title by three points. SA was forced to rely upon "carrier pigeon" information because of the Telecom dispute and the drama of Wests' achievement was hidden until the correct Hakoah v. Olympic score was known. John Perin unwillingly firmed Sydney's grip on the championship when he blasted City to a 1-0 lead eight minutes after half time, but young Vic Bozanic brought the title to SA with a dramatic goal.

Bozanic, who was exchanged for John Krikas plus \$4000 from Adelaide Polonia, must be regarded as Wests' bargain of the year. Wests owe their championship and Sunday's draw to their stirring fighting qualities. Sunday marked the seventh time this season that they have come from behind to snatch either a draw or a win.

The enormity of the occasion almost proved their undoing as overconfidence brought many mistakes.

However, Peter Boyle, Neil McGahey, David Jones and Con Kambas supplied the steady influence, while Bozanic unwound the fine touch of flair. The classy work of John Perin, John Besir and Agenor Muniz lifted City to near their top form to increase SA's prospects of winning the league and cup double. And, while perhaps City could be considered

Adelaide City

1 (0)

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 5, B. Nyskohus 3, Yung 3, Besir 4, Lister 4, Perin 4, Marocchi 3 (Motac 46m, 3), Deans 3, Muniz 4, J. Nyskohus 4, Northgate 4. **Coach:** L. Scheinfugl.

Goals: 0-1 Perin (53m), 1-1 Bozanic (85m). **Referee:** P. Rompley (Sydney). **Crowd:** 16,251. **Caution:** McGahey.

unlucky not to have taken both points, it was a tribute to Wests' attacking consistency that City goalkeeper Peter Marshall emerged as the man of the match.

Marshall, whose form has been suspect in recent games, hit his peak to frustrate Wests' strikers with his fine judgment of the high balls meant for big David Pillans. Marshall capped his performance with a great diving save four minutes from the end to turn a screaming drive from Bozanic around the post.

Earlier the title hung precariously in balance as both sides narrowly failed to score. Ten minutes from time a header from Bozanic inched agonisingly past the far upright and a minute later Johnny Nyskohus added to the heart-stopping drama by flashing a drive marginally wide of Martyn Crook's goal. Sydney referee Peter Rompley's firm control prevented a repetition of the hacking match when City eliminated Wests from the Philips Cup.

— ALLAN CRISP

Brisbane Lions

1 (0)

LIONS: Lownds 3, Potter 3, Hermiston 3, Niven 3, Losla 2 (Spearratt 45m), Amos 4, Wilson 4, Neale 3, Ontong 3, Fairbrother 3, Hughes 3. **Coach:** J. Vincze.

Goals: 0-1 Caldwell pen. (50m), 1-1 Hughes (78m), 1-2 Kelso (92m). **Referee:** J. Woods. **Crowd:** 4600. **Cautions:** Spearratt, Lownds, Rothmell.

The last game of the PSL season in Brisbane was the usual "local derby", with more spirit and effort on show than actual good football. The big crowd, attracted by a super promotion experiment by the Lions Marketing and Promotions Committee, enjoyed the game, as there was plenty of incident and excitement caused in the main, by some powerful running and challenging by Kelso and Caldwell who relish this sort of game.

Lions, forced into change by the unavailability of Socceroo Col Bennett never really came to grips with this type of tactic and on the day City probably deserved their narrow victory. Much of the spirit has come back into the "Azzurri" play, but this victory should not lull the administrators into a false sense of security, as much team-building has to be done for the new season.



PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

Sons of Hellas set to meet Sydney challenge

The king is dead, long live the king! This is the traditional cry to greet a new leader, and without doubt Westad are the new champions of Australian soccer, gaining the title through hard work, fighting spirit and skill.

It was typical and fitting that they won the championship last week with a goal similar to many they have scored this season; coming from behind at the "death" to snatch a point.

This sets the scene for a fierce clash this week as Hakoah, the dethroned champions, meet Westad at Hindmarsh Stadium in the first semifinal.

Though a victory by either side would not "prove" anything — the championship race having done that quite well over 26 weeks — there should be a great deal of satisfaction in either camp should a win swing their way.

Hakoah would love nothing better than to knock off the new champs and so take a step towards winning the first "grand final" of the PSL.

Westad would dearly love to make '78 a year to remember by taking out the double, though the Cup is out of their grasp.

— By Stephen Dettre —

In fact there is a distinct possibility that all three trophies may go to the City of Churches, for Adelaide City are still in the hunt for the Cup.

Another packed crowd should be on hand to see the Adelaide fighters take on the Sydney technicians.

These two teams undoubtedly were the two finest throughout the whole season, though both South Melbourne and Marconi could lay claim to being more attractive at times.

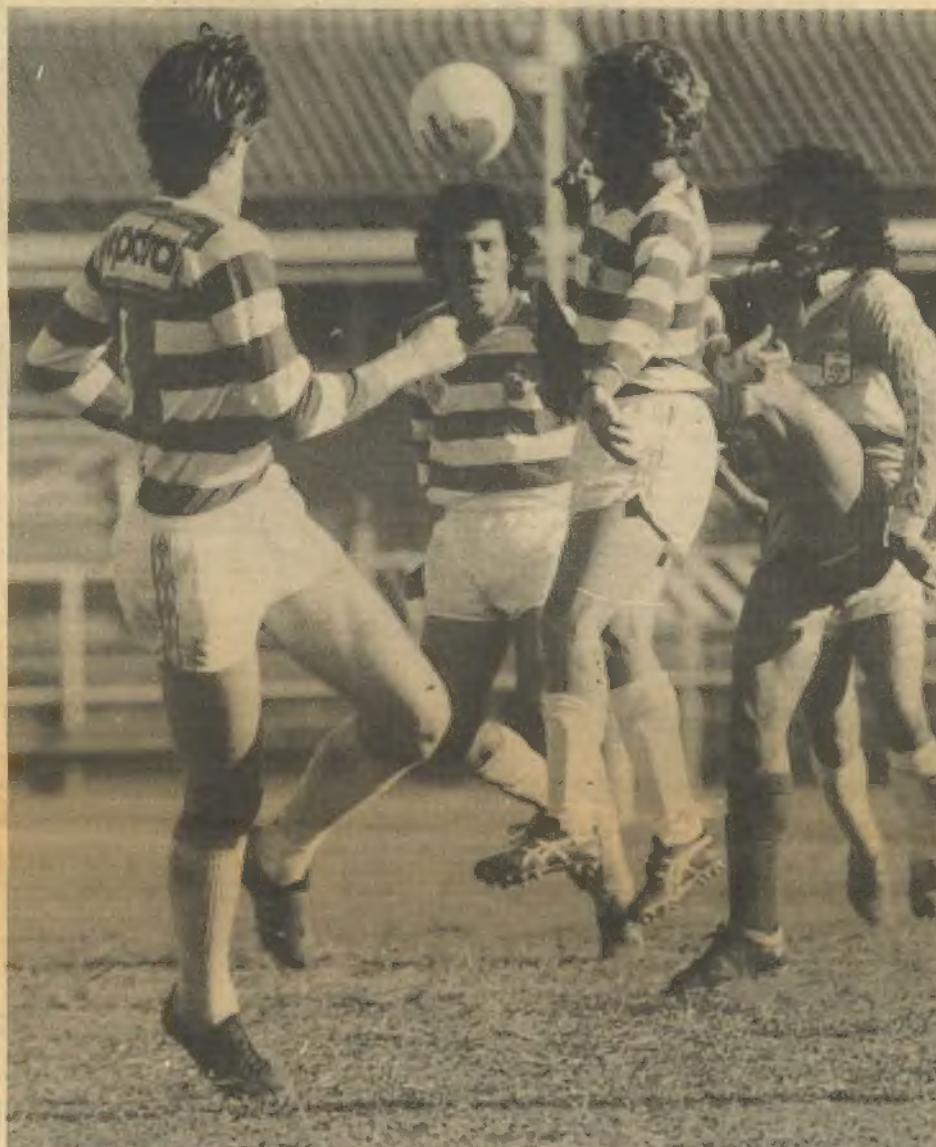
Westad, with such stalwarts as McGachey, Boyle, McGregor, Bozanic, Reynolds and Jones have a powerful team and will push Hakoah all the way.

The Sydney team with Silva, Stevenson, Souness, Barnes and O'Connor all in superb form should be able to hold Westad and make it a close game.

With a packed crowd I expect Westad to have an advantage and tip them to make their way into the grand final at their first bite of the cherry with Hakoah forced to play next week in the final.

What could have been the greatest season in Marconi's history has ended in total disaster.

After leading the competition at the halfway mark by six points, they finally ended up six points adrift of the winners Westad ...



Hakoah's Hilton Silva (right) in a cluster of Olympic's "Zebras" in last week's match.

In the first half of the season they collected 22 points from a possible 26 — in the second half they collected just eight from the 26.

The only way they can possibly salvage anything from this year is by winning the grand final, a task that at this stage seems quite beyond them.

Last week they went down to an energetic Newcastle before a vociferous local crowd, and can

expect to come up against the same thing this week.

South Melbourne have had a good season, being always within striking range of the lead, yet never quite having either the luck or the opportunity to edge into the lead.

They were admittedly smitten by serious injuries towards the end of the season, but throughout the year lost easy matches against lower placed opponents; results which in the end cost them dearly.

They seem likely to end Marconi's hopes for '78, with Christopoulos back, and most of the injuries having cleared up, they should be back to near full strength and no match for a demoralised Marconi.

Defeat here will, of course, mean instant elimination of one of the teams — and this looks like being Marconi.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE



THIS WEEK

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE SEMIFINALS:

SOUTH MELBOURNE v MARCONI
MIDDLE PARK, MELBOURNE, 3pm

WEST ADELAIDE v HAKOAH
HINDMARSH, ADELAIDE, 2.30pm

NEXT WEEK

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE FINAL
(Venue decided after semifinals of this week)

Brisbane

Brisbane City are desperately trying to arrange practice matches between now and their distant Philips Cup tie against Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs. Lions have agreed to "front up" this weekend and will, no doubt, use the occasion to "blood" some of their youngsters to PSL standard soccer.

"A Funday", a fabulously entertaining family day, organised by Lions for their last game against City, had people coming in droves at 10am on the day of the game. Kentucky Fried Chicken, Lions' sponsors, laid on a party for all the kids who had taken part in the KFC Cup, a novel competition for juniors that had been Lions' "curtain-raiser" all season.

No expense was spared and mums, dads, brothers and sisters were all catered for to give the place a real picnic atmosphere. A band entertained the crowd, and then a Celebrity v Sponsors match took place, an event that had to be seen to be believed.

Kentucky Krazy Soccer followed, with all the "losers" in the KFC participating, giving five boys to a giant 20 a side game between North and South to see who could put one of those egg-shaped balls into a soccer net.

At 12.45 we had all the pomp of the English Cup Final when Kingsridge played Newmarket for the big prize. Kingsridge won 1-0 and after the full ceremony of the cup and medals, both teams did a lap of honor. The kids were then entertained by local TV identity Boris the Black Knight who brought his show along and had tons of giveaways from all the sponsors who backed the day.

Then we had a fashion parade with all the latest in bikini wear and that pleased the dads no end. That brought us to all the local awards for local players, Alan Hughes winning the award of \$500 for leading PSL scorer, Steve Perry the award for most consistent player.

— J. BINNIE



George Potter (Lions)

Sydney

St. George coach Jos Vlasits and young Paul Kay were soon in touch when Paul returned from the Australian schools' tour of America last Saturday. "Bring your boots to Barton Park tomorrow," Paul was told. Saints had Paul Coe, Brendan Grosse and Robert O'Shea down with flu, George Harris suspended and Phil O'Connor in doubt with a leg muscle injury. Eventually, Kay was allowed to rest, but the Saints did blood Mark Barton, 17, promoted from the third team.

If anyone called out "Hey, Curley" in the Sydney Olympic dressing room, at least four players we know might have looked up. Recently, it seems, some of the players have been having their locks attended to in some unisex hairdressing parlor! What next?

Domingo Lelamo looks an outstanding prospect for Marconi. However, he has been plagued with a leg injury since his first game in Australia against West Adelaide and, unfortunately, the fans are unlikely to see him at his top until next season.

Although naturally disappointed by losing out so narrowly in the premiership, Easts-Hakoah coach Gerry Chaidi extended full congratulations to West Adelaide's winner, Jim Adam. Gerry would like to have seen a toss of the coin decide the venue for the major semi-final play-off, but he will be out after West Adelaide's scalp at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

Canberra

Canberra City's Player Development Fund was revealed at the club's premises in East Row last Wednesday. Over 100 people attended the \$30 a single, \$50 a double drinks and dinner with the Prime Minister, Sir Arthur George and John Frank attending.

Contributions to the development fund of \$100 will enable a person to two grandstand VIP seats at every City home game next season, as well as acknowledgement in each match program. The fund has been set up to purchase equipment, retain star players, send youngsters to Europe in our off-season, and to buy key players for next year. Club promotions director Steve Dossopoul said that the VIP sponsorships were already selling well.

Johnny Warren and Danny Moullis will meet with club supporters at the premises next Tuesday evening. Among other things, the schoolboys tour of the USA will be discussed.

— CHRIS KUNZ

SYDNEY YOUTH LEAGUE

Last round of Coca-Cola Youth League Cup:

St. George Dragons v Sydney Olympic 1-0

Marconi Raiders v Newcastle United 1-0

Western Suburbs v St. George Colts 3-1

Eastern Suburbs Hakoah v Marconi Comets 4-0

Details of the next week's round not available at press time.

	Hakoah	Marconi	Fitzroy	Adei. City	West. Sub.	St. George	West. Adel.	Footscray	Lions	Br. Lions	Br. City	South Melb.	Olympic	Canberra	Newcastle
P	4-0	2-1	1-2	3-0	4-2	2-1	1-2	1-3	2-0	0-0	5-0	3-0	1-0	1-0	
W	1-2	4-0	1-1	6-2	2-1	2-0	1-2	3-1	3-2	1-1	0-0	2-0	4-2	1-0	
D	1-1	4-1	1-1	3-0	0-3	1-4	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	4-1	3-1	0-1	1-0	
L	0-1	4-0	0-2	1-1	4-2	1-0	1-2	0-1	1-4	3-2	1-1	0-1	3-1	1-1	
GD	3-2	3-1	2-3	2-3	2-1	2-1	1-2	0-0	2-2	3-1	3-0	2-2	1-0	1-1	
ST	1-3	2-1	2-0	2-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	3-1	2-2	2-0	0-2	1-2	2-1	2-3	
WT	3-2	2-1	3-2	1-1	2-0	1-4	3-1	1-2	3-0	2-0	3-1	0-1	2-0	1-0	
FT	1-1	0-2	1-2	0-1	2-3	2-0	2-2	0-1	4-0	2-2	0-2	2-3	1-2	0-1	
BT	1-1	0-3	1-1	3-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	5-2	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	
OT	0-3	0-3	1-1	2-1	0-0	1-4	0-1	3-0	0-1	1-3	3-2	1-0	1-2	1-2	
ST	3-0	0-3	1-1	5-0	2-1	3-2	0-2	4-0	2-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	3-0	1-2	
WT	0-2	1-1	1-3	2-1	0-1	2-0	2-4	1-1	2-4	2-1	1-2	0-1	1-2	1-1	
FT	1-2	0-0	2-2	2-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	4-0	0-3	1-2	1-1	2-2	
BT	1-4	1-0	2-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	0-1	1-1	2-2	2-3	1-1	1-1	3-0	1-1	

N.B.: For every match we took Sunday dates. However, some matches will be played on Saturdays, one day earlier than indicated in the squares.

Western Suburbs Soccer Club



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 31: Disco Night with radio personality Chris Ball and the Go Go Girls.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: Request Dance Night — Ray Williams Orchestra.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: LORRAINE DELANEY — Popular vocalist.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: Film 2pm, starring Sissy Spacek, John Travolta and Piper Laurie. 8pm: SYLVIA RAY and M.D.—TV and recording star.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5: Euchre Night.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE FOR MEMBERS

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 31: Movie — 8.00pm.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: Country and Western Night with Ricky Penko — 8.00pm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: JADE HURLEY — 8.00pm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: Disco — 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: Disco — 7.30pm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: Movie — 8.00pm.

FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

NSW TABLES

DIV. 1, GRADE 1						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	18	—	4	51	11	36
Sutherland	14	3	5	34	14	31
Monaro	12	5	40	24	29	
Melita	14	—	8	37	26	28
Auburn	11	3	9	45	34	25
APIA	11	3	9	31	22	25
Mv. Olympic	10	3	9	28	31	23
Toongabbie	7	6	9	23	28	20
Yugal	7	5	9	28	38	19
Granville	6	6	11	24	33	18
Manly	6	6	11	23	48	18
Arndcliffe	3	5	14	14	38	11
Bankstown	3	4	15	20	40	10

DIV. 1, GRADE 2						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	18	3	2	55	13	39
Croatia	14	4	4	44	22	32
APIA	14	3	5	31	19	31
Sutherland	13	3	6	57	16	29
Auburn	13	3	6	45	23	29
Arndcliffe	11	4	6	42	19	26
Granville	11	2	9	37	29	24
Melita	9	4	8	30	31	22
Mv. Olympic	6	7	9	27	36	19
Toongabbie	4	5	12	20	33	13
Yugal	3	6	15	23	56	13
Avola	5	2	15	25	45	12
Monaro	5	1	16	21	63	11
Bankstown	2	2	18	15	67	6

DIV. 1, GRADE 3						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	17	2	2	70	13	36
Sutherland	16	4	1	53	11	36
APIA	11	3	6	36	21	25
Arndcliffe	9	5	5	27	19	23
Granville	9	3	8	25	30	21
Auburn	9	3	9	22	27	21
Bankstown	7	5	8	21	28	19
Croatia	6	6	8	27	30	18
Melita	7	4	9	18	24	18
Yugal	5	3	12	18	42	13
Toongabbie	4	3	13	24	40	11
Mv. Olympic	1	5	14	9	34	7

DIV. 2, GRADE 1						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ku-ring-gai	15	5	2	57	20	35
Revesby	11	8	3	41	30	30
Blacktown	12	5	5	53	25	29
Polonia	11	7	4	45	34	29
Uni. of NSW	11	1	10	46	42	23
Belmore	7	8	7	32	28	22
Queens Park	10	2	10	42	53	22
NS-Inter	8	5	3	35	41	21
Warringah	7	4	11	26	29	18
Gladesville	4	5	13	29	60	13
Guildford	5	2	15	39	54	12
Mannickville	3	4	15	26	62	10

DIV. 2, GRADE 2						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ku-ring-gai	17	4	1	62	21	38
Uni. of NSW	17	3	2	58	20	37
Belmore	12	4	6	45	27	28
Gladesville	11	5	6	54	29	27
Revesby	12	3	6	38	26	27
Polonia	8	6	8	39	32	22
Blacktown	9	4	9	41	37	22
NS-Inter	7	5	10	37	41	19
Mannickville	5	5	12	33	68	15
Guildford	2	7	13	25	49	11
Warringah	3	3	16	25	58	9
Queens Park	2	3	16	20	68	7

DIV. 2, GRADE 3						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Belmore	16	4	2	64	14	36
Gladesville	16	2	3	50	13	34
Blacktown	15	4	3	56	20	34
Warringah	14	6	2	37	17	27
Ku-ring-gai	15	1	6	48	22	31
Revesby	10	3	6	44	28	23
Guildford	8	2	12	38	34	18
Polonia	6	5	11	32	44	17
Queens Park	5	3	14	28	51	13
Uni. of NSW	4	3	15	22	68	11
NS-Inter	5	1	16	22	49	11
Mannickville	—	2	10	94	1	

DIV. 4, GRADE 1						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham Hills	14	6	2	48	18	34
Ashcroft	12	6	4	38	25	30
Sydney Uni.	13	3	6	47	35	29
Campbelltown	9	9	4	38	26	27
Greenwich	10	6	6	36	30	26
Hurstville	9	5	8	45	23	27
Ryde	7	7	8	39	35	21
Nth. Bankstown	8	5	9	32	36	21
Artarmon	7	6	9	37	41	20
Padstow	7	2	13	39	52	16
Fairfield	3	4	15	19	37	10
Holroyd	2	3	17	25	61	7

DIV. 4, GRADE 2						
	W	D	L	F	A	P
Maccabi	16	4	2	61	23	36
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WORLD NEWS



The West German soccer writers have elected their player of the year — and it's Bayern goalie Sepp Maier, for the third time. His previous wins were in 1975 and 1977.

Only Franz Beckenbauer won this distinction more often — four times — between 1966 and 1976.

This was the final order of voting last week:

Sepp Maier, Jürgen Grabowski, Hans Müller, Paul Breitner, Heinz Flohé, Rolf Russmann, Franz Beckenbauer....

Austrians march on

Austria's new manager Karl Stotz has started the arduous task of rebuilding the national team after its excellent World Cup performances.

Several players — Sara, Hickersberger, Pirkner and Koncilia — have announced that they would not be available again for the national side.

Others — Krämer, Welzl, Riedl, Jara, Krieger and Pezzey — play for foreign clubs and cannot always join the squad for trainings.

Still, Stotz is optimistic. However, he is sorry that he wasn't in Argentina for the World Cup and will now have to consult his predecessor, Helmut Senekowitsch about the team's experience there.

Senekowitsch had to resign because of his frequent clashes with the president of the Association (OFB), Franz Sekanina.

Austria's first European Championship match will be against Norway in Oslo on August 30 (this week Wednesday).

Stotz is hopeful that at least three of his foreign-based stars, Krämer, Pezzey and Jara, will be available for the match.

Ferencvaros won the Hungarian Cup, having beaten Ujpest in the semifinal and Pesci MSC in the final. In the final they played with only 10 men after 55 minutes when Tibor Nyilasi was sent off — as he was in Argentina during the World Cup.

Eusebio has scored his 1000th goal of his career; it fell for his new team, New Jersey, in the US Pro League.

Poland plays Finland in Helsinki this week (August 30) in a friendly. Their first European Championship match will be against Iceland on September 6 at Reykjavik. From the World Cup team Deyna, Zmuda, Tomaszewski, Kasperczak, Szymonowski and Kostrewa will be missing.

Denmark has caused a surprise by beating Sweden 2-1 in a friendly match at Copenhagen.

The US national team (All-Americans) will undertake a major European tour in September, playing in Iceland, Switzerland, France, West Germany, Belgium, Scotland, Italy and Spain.

Austria's first division will still have only 10 teams — playing three rounds.

The average attendance of Cosmos has been 35,000 over the last two seasons — and the average home gate has been an even better 48,000.

Barcelona owes considerable sums to its ex-coach Rinus Michels, star Neeskens and former ace Cruyff. The three understanding Dutchmen have told the Catalán officials that they can wait for their money — but want a 12 per cent interest added to it because of the deterioration of the Spanish peseta.

Alan Kennedy, Newcastle's brilliant stopper, has been signed by Liverpool.

Japan wants Berti

The Japanese Association has offered a three-year coaching contract to Berti Vogts, West Germany's 96-time international, now recovering from a double fracture of the leg.

However, Berti has declined: he is waiting for a position as coach of the German national youth team.

Last week he left the hospital and in another four weeks he will have the plaster taken off his leg.

While in hospital, he received the first get-well card and flowers — from the Italian national team.

"What a charming surprise," said Vogts. "After the many bruising battles we have had."

Sepp is player of year again



Sepp Maier, the brilliant veteran goalie of Bayern München, his country's best player.

Dutch international star Muhren is likely to join Ipswich Town shortly.

Valencia, Mario Kempes' Spanish club, is touring Argentina. In their first match they surprisingly drew with second division Belgrano then beat Rosario Central 3-0.

Monaco (France) beat Romania's Steaua 3-0 in the first leg of the UEFA qualification round for the right to start among the 32 teams.

The younger brother of Mario Kempes has also landed in Spain, with second division club Castellón. He was recommended to them by Mario. "He's most talented and I'd like to help him get established," the Mundial star said.

Micky Zivaljevic, FC Nürnberg's Yugoslav star, has received a lucrative offer from the English Southampton.

Atletico Bilbao won an international tournament — in Bilbao — from Eindhoven, River Plate and Belenenses.

The Austrian season started off on a stormy note: in the Vienna-Innsbruck match three players were sent off and four cautioned.

West Germany's latest goalkeeper sensation is Dortmund's Eike Immel — 17.

LAST FOREIGNER LEAVES ITALY

The Roman club Lazio has placed on the transfer list Sergio Clerici — the last of the foreign stars surviving in Italy.

Clerici, 37, is a Brazilian who has played a remarkable 476 matches with Lecce, Bologna, Atalanta, Verona, Fiorentina, Napoli and finally Lazio during his Italian career.

He has now signed for a Canadian club — and with his departure Italy's soccer has become 100 per cent "pure".

It was in 1965 that the Italian Federation banned foreign players but allowed those already there to stay.

At that stage there were 35 of them. Clerici lasted the longest.

This means that during the current championship all players will be Italians.

But this purity will last only one year...

As from the end of 1979, in accordance with an agreement involving the Common Market countries, foreign players will have to be admitted on a limited scale in the lands of all the nine signatories, including Italy.

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